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1. Prior to late 1952 or early 1953, Polish motorized troops, who were generally referred to as infantrymen by the population, occupied the former Jaeger Kaserne north of the city of Hirschberg (O 51/G 68) and on the west side of the road to Grunau (O 51/G 68). In about November 1952, [] six or seven companies of about 150 men each, who were equipped with infantry weapons and wore army uniforms with red service color. They left the section of the barracks installation which was north of the railroad line. [] ration supply trucks and officers' and officer dependents' billets in this northern section of the barracks installation which was also known as the former new Infantry Barracks. [] light and medium 25X1 mortars and, on several occasions between October and December 1952, T-34 tanks with 76-mm tank guns in the barracks section south of the railroad line. Six-wheeled trucks with four-cornered hoods and jeeps travelled between the two barracks sections. In the summer and fall of 1952, infantry combat training was held on the training grounds opposite the barracks installation on the east side of the Grunau road. In the summer of 1952, a major exercise, which involved infantry, tanks and also artillerymen from the former Artillery Barracks, was held in the area around Kappenberg Hill northwest of the barracks installation.

2. Prior to early 1953, the former Artillery Barracks southeast of the city on the northeast side of the road to Schmiedeberg (O 51/G 67) was occupied by Polish artillerymen. [] numerous officers in the installation. During a review held in the center of the city in December 1952, four 76-mm field guns and four 122-mm field howitzers were towed by six-wheeled trucks. In the fall of 1952, three or four mortars of about 120-mm, towed by trucks, were repeatedly observed leaving the barracks installation. Source knew that firing practices with these guns were held at a training ground near the barracks installation.

3. The former Waldersee Kaserne on the northwestern perimeter of the city and on the north side of former Hospital Street quartered Polish labor servicemen in late 1952. It was unknown [] whether this old and small barracks installation housed the military [] in addition to the labor service.

4. In mid-1952, two units, each of company size and consisting of Polish officer candidates wearing red service color, were observed in the city area. The officer candidates wore long black trousers with wide red stripes and khaki blouses. The location of their billets was undetermined. Poles who had friends among the trainees, said that the candidates were trained at the school for three years.

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5. In late 1952, about ten Soviet officers were observed near the former Artillery Barracks. A soldier from this barracks installation stated that they were instruction officers from Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) who were frequently exchanged.

- 25X1 6. [] a poster on the townhall in Hirschberg announced that aliens residing in Poland for five years will automatically obtain Polish citizenship after 1 March 1953 and, according to their age, will also be drafted into the Polish Armed Forces or the Labor Service.

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25X1 information a motorized rifle regiment, an artillery regiment, an officer candidate school and a labor service unit are believed to have been stationed at Hirschberg in January 1953. [] the former gauging office on the road to Schmiedeberg quartered a division headquarters, which was no longer observed after the fall of 1950. The Artillery Barracks may quarter a command agency.

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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. Numerous reports confirmed that the bulk of the 1932 class was inducted in the fall of 1952. - - - . The dates set for the induction of the 1933 class are still undetermined. It seems that the first elements were also inducted in the fall of 1952. It is believed that the last elements of this class will presumably be inducted together with elements of the 1934 class in the fall of 1953.

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